MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*) : May I know whether the Land Revenue Department has made any investigations in connection with that road ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : It is the P. W. Department that makes the investigation; and the work of the Land Revenue Department is only to acquire lands.

MR PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*) : May I know how long the land acquisition was pending ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : In 1933 the land acquisition was moved.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*) : May I know whether the lands have been acquired now ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : No,

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*) : Then why is it stated in the answer that the work was not taken up as the lands were not acquired and handed over to the P. W. D. then ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : When the Revenue Department was ready to acquire the lands, there was no money with the P. W. D. to pay for them.

Road from the Hospital Junction on the Mavelikara-Pantalam Road to Pottakadavu.

169. ❋ **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) whether representations have been received from the inhabitants of Vazhuvadi and the neighbouring places for the improvement of the gravelled road from the Hospital Junction on the Mavelikara Pantalam road to Pottakadavu on the Kulakkada river ;

(*b*) whether maintenance grant is allowed for the above road; if so, the amount so allowed ; and

(*c*) whether maintenance grant was being allowed for this road in previous years and the amounts spent for the maintenance of the above road in each of the years from 1105 to 1110 ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes; a grant of Rs. 30 per mile.

(*c*) Yes; the expenditure for the years 1105 to 1110 is given below :—

		Rs.
1105	...	125
1106	...	515
1107	...	480
1108	...	180
1109	...	109
1110	...	90

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know whether the Public Works Department has been able to keep that road in good condition with this expenditure ?

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : That is a matter of opinion.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : No. Sir.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : The question whether the P. W. D. is able to keep it in good condition with the grant available is a matter of opinion.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know whether the road is in a good condition now as it was in 1105 or 1108 ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : That again is a matter of opinion.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : I wish to know whether the condition of the road is as good as it was in previous years and if the Chief Engineer could not answer that, then, who else could help us with the information ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : The honourable member is asking for information as to whether a road is in as good condition as it was in the previous years, and I say it is a matter of opinion.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know what is the object with which an amount is spent for maintenance on roads ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Simply for maintenance.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know whether it is being maintained properly ?

MR. G. B. E TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : With the funds available, it is being done.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Is this grant sufficient to maintain the road properly ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : It is a matter of opinion.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know whether with this maintenance grant, the road could be maintained properly ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : I have already said that the road is being maintained as well as possible with the grant sanctioned. Thirty rupees per mile is the maintenance grant; and if there is heavy traffic, then certainly this amount will not be sufficient to keep the road in good condition.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Is there so much traffic on the road as to necessitate a larger expenditure towards the maintenance on that road ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : I claim notice.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : In 1106 the amount was Rs. 516, in 1107 it was Rs. 480, in 1109 it was Rs. 109, and for 1110 it was Rs. 90. This being the amount, I wish to know whether that road could be maintained with a small amount of Rs. 90 ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : It is only at the beginning more money is required. Later on, when the road is consolidated, so much money may not be required.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): When this road was maintained before 1105, I wish to know whether the cutting up of new roads in 1106 and 1107 was not necessary ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) At that time the department might have had more money at their disposal.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Will it not be the case where the department was spending the superfluous amount on that road ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : I could not say that.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Will the Chief Engineer please ascertain whether the grant now sanctioned is enough to maintain that road ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Yes.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*) : May I know the distance of that road ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : 2½ miles.

New Roads in the Kadiyapattanam pakuthi.

170. ✻**MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether preliminary steps were taken, if any, for the construction of the following two roads in the Kalkulam taluk :—

(i) Surapallam—Friday Market road ; and

(ii) Friday Market-Onnanculam road *via* Kattuvila ;

(*b*) whether the necessity of opening those roads was brought to the notice of Government several years ago ; and

(*c*) whether the construction of the above two roads engages the attention of Government now ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) Yes ; a preliminary investigation was conducted with regard to item (i).

(*b*) Yes, with regard to item (i).

(*c*) No.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*) : May I know what is meant by a preliminary investigation ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : It is to ascertain if a road is really necessary and what towns or villages it will serve.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*) : May I know whether an estimate has been prepared ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : No.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*) : May I know whether any survey was done ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : No.

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